

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
MEETING OF JULY 12, 2003**

At 8:03 a.m. Chairman Lee Panza in Conference Room C of San Mateo City Hall, called the meeting to order.

Members Attending: Deborah Gordon, Lee Panza, Joe Silva, Marland Townsend, and Mike King (C/CAG Chairman).

Staff/Guests Attending: Walter Martone (C/CAG Staff - County Public Works), Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director), and Brian Moura (City of San Carlos).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Minutes and summary of the meeting of May 17, 2003.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented. King/Gordon, unanimous.

3. Update from C/CAG Lobbyist in Sacramento (via conference call).

Wes Lujan provided a briefing on the latest news from Sacramento.

- CCAG's bill (AB 1546) got double referred to the Revenue and Taxation Committee.
- The recall is causing strange things to happen. A number of groups (particularly the firefighters and other public safety organizations) are trying to push through their favorite bills (disability and safety retirement – AB 136 and SB 100) before the Governor is pushed out of office.
- SB 440, to require binding arbitration for public safety, is on the move. After discussion about the serious implications of this bill, the Legislative Committee voted to oppose it right now without waiting for C/CAG action in August and get Advocacy to work on blocking its passage.
- Budget: The triple swap (State takes some local sales tax away, gives back some property tax, State increases its sales tax) to pay for the debt is gaining more acceptance. What it will do is create a new funding source to finance the debt; however it does not actually raise new money. It's just a swap. Therefore they are still stuck coming up with more cuts in order to balance.

Motion: To take an "oppose" position on SB 440 immediately and request that Advocacy work toward defeating this bill. Townsend/O'Connell, unanimous.

4. Consideration of positions on various bills –

- AB 51 (consider child care facilities in General Plans) – support.

Motion: To recommend a “support” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors. King/Townsend, unanimous.

- AB 305 (density bonuses for child care) - oppose unless amended to require the developer to actually operate the childcare facility for a set number of years (at least 45 years).

Motion: To recommend an “oppose unless amended” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors. Townsend/King, unanimous. The amendments requested would include a requirement that the developer actually operate the childcare facility for a set number of years (at least 45).

- AB 332 (Airport Land Use Commissions) – support.

Motion: To recommend a “support” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors. Townsend/King, unanimous.

- AB 594 (exclude certain bike lanes from CEQA) - no action. It is not apparent why this bill is needed. It appears that these projects are already exempt.
- AB 736 (require schools to use "green buildings" principles) – no action. This is not really a matter for C/CAG to be addressing. It is more of a school issue.
- AB 872 (consider road workers in setting speed limits) – support. This bill has strong support from the League of California Cities.

Motion: To recommend a “support” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors. Townsend/Gordon, unanimous.

- AB 1358 (use of redevelopment funds outside the redevelopment area) – support. The bill was recently amended to delete the provision that would have given housing credit to the jurisdiction that was contributing to the funding of a project in another jurisdiction.

Motion: To recommend a “support” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors. King/Townsend, unanimous. It should also be communicated to the Assemblyman that C/CAG would like the bill even better if it gave the contributing jurisdiction credit for the housing created through these funds.

- AB 1408 (equipment requirements for bicycles) - no action.
- AB 1409 (expand bus length for bike racks) – support.

***Motion: To recommend a “support” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors.
Gordon/Townsend, unanimous.***

- AB 1412 (cities getting authority to increase sales tax) - no action. This is a city-by-city decision. San Carlos and Millbrae are the only cities in San Mateo County we know of that are pursuing being included in this bill.
- AB 1548 (environmental education) - no action. This bill is getting too far from the mission of C/CAG. It deals primarily with the educational system.
- ACA 11 (55% vote to pass local bonds for infrastructure) – support.

***Motion: To recommend a “support” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors.
Townsend/King, unanimous.***

- ACA 14 (55% vote to pass special taxes for infrastructure) – oppose. This bill puts too many restrictions on the use of the funds by assigning percentages of funds that must be spent for specific types of projects.

***Motion: To recommend an “oppose” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors.
Townsend/Gordon, unanimous.***

- ACA 15 (majority vote to pass special taxes for public safety) – neutral. Concern was expressed that by giving this authority to local jurisdictions it will force increased costs for public safety.
- ACA 16 (nonresidential property assessments) – oppose. It is expected that there will be litigation because assessments will not be based on the sales price of the property.

***Motion: To recommend an “oppose” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors.
King/Silva, unanimous.***

- SCA1 (open government) – oppose. The members felt that the Brown Act is working fine and there is no need to make changes.

***Motion: To recommend an “oppose” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors.
Townsend/King, unanimous.***

- SCA 11 (55% vote to pass general obligation bonds for infrastructure) – oppose. This bill, like ACA 14, puts too many restrictions on the use of the funds.

***Motion: To recommend an “oppose” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors.
Townsend/Gordon, unanimous.***

- SR 24 (Senate committee on local financing reform) - This bill was just for information.

5. Update on bills that C/CAG has taken a position on.

The Committee reviewed the report on the bills that C/CAG has already taken a position on, and the status of those bills.

6. Date for the August meeting.

After discussion it was decided to schedule the next meeting for Saturday, August 2, 2003.

7. Adjournment.

At 9:24 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.